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SUBJ: VISIT ADM PACKER/USS LASALLE

REF: R 300745Z AUG 77/LOGREQ DJIBOUTI SERIAL 001 (NOTAL)

1. RESPONSES KEYED REFTEL.
2. BRAVO. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY FRENCH NAVY.
3. DELTA. EMBASSY WILL HANDLE.
4. FOXTROT. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY FRENCH NAVY.
5. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF ANY NOTICE TO MARINER CHANGES.
6. KILO. FRENCH NAVY ARRANGE.
7. MIKE. FRENCH NAVY ARRANGE.
8. NOVEMBER. FRENCH NAVY QUARTERMASTER WILL COME ON BOARD AND
HANDLE ALL EXCHANGE AT LOCAL BANK RATES.
9. UNIFORM. LIBERTY PARTIES TO BE DISCUSSED BELOW.
10. VICTOR. EMBASSY CAN MONITOR HF FREQUENCY 11.370 (LOWER SB)
DURING OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING 19 SEPTEMBER. CALL SIGN FIVE
NINER NINER.
11. ZULU.

(1) FRENCH NAVY LIAISON OFFICER IS ASPIRANT JEROME SAINT-
MLEUX RPT SAINT-MLEUX. BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY CHARGE D'AF-
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FAIRES WALTER S. CLARKE. PLEASE NOTE THAT U.S. STAFF COMPLIMENT
CONSISTS OF CHARGE, ADMIN OFFICER CLYDE JONES AND SECRETARY MRS.
JONES, NO OTHER CIVILIAN OR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES. DJIBOUTI
HAS NO RPT NO NON-RESIDENT U.S. CIVILIAN/MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES.

(2) UNCLEAR WHETHER SIT-DOWN INVITATION TO BE ON SHIP OR
SHORE. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME IT ON LAND AND PLAN FOR DINNER PRI-
MARILY WITH LOCAL CIVILIAN DIGNATARIES EVENING 21 SEPTEMBER AT

CHARGE RESIDENCE. GUEST LIST TO BE SUBMITTED.

(3) LASALLE COCKTAIL ON FLIGHT DECK PLANNED FOR 1830 LOCAL ON 22 SEPTEMBER. INVITATION LIST BEING DEVELOPED DIRECTED PRINCIPALLY FOR DJIBOUTI AND FRENCH MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(4) COMIDEASTFOR WILL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AHMED DINI AT 1600 LOCAL 21 SEPTEMBER. PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING VISIT, ATTENDING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHERE DJIBOUTI EXPECTED TO BE ADMITTED TO UNITED NATIONS ON 20 SEPTEMBER. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE COMIDEASTFOR ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES LOCAL).

21 SEPTEMBER

1300 ARRIVAL, LODGING AT HOTEL SIESTA. INFORMAL LUNCHEON AT HOTEL WITH ADMIRAL'S PARTY, CO LASALLE AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. PLEASE INFORM NUMBER ACCOMPANYING ADMIRAL WHO WILL ATTEND LUNCHEON.

1600 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AHMED DINI.

1700 CALL ON REAR ADMIRAL DARRIEUS (FRENCH CMDR INDIAN OCEAN FLEET)

1800 CALL ON GENERAL PERIER (FRENCH CMDR FORCES DJIBOUTI)

1830 COCKTAIL GIVEN BY CAPTAIN LARGE (CMDR FRENCH NAVAL FORCES RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN)

2000 DINNER AT AMEMBASSY RESIDENCE GIVEN BY ADM PACKER

22 SEPTEMBER

0900 RETURN VISIT ADM DARRIEUS ON ADM PACKER

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0930 WORKING MEETING WITH FRENCH NAVY GENERAL STAFF ON THE "ORAGE"

1230 OFFICIAL LUNCHEON OFFERED BY ADMIRAL DARRIEUS ON THE "ORAGE"

1830 COCKTAIL ON LASALLE FLIGHT DECK
AMEMB

23 SEPTEMBER

STILL IN PLANNING. ALTERNATIVES COULD INCLUDE VISIT TO ISLANDS OR TO DORALE BEACH (SEE BELOW LIBERTY PARTY SCHEDULE).

1615 COMIDEASTFOR DEPARTURE

(5) VEHICLES BEING ARRANGED THROUGH COLLABORATION FRENCH ARMY.

(6) LIBERTY CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

-- DJIBOUTI IS VERY EXPENSIVE CITY. MEAL IN DECENT RESTAURANT WILL TYPICALLY COST U.S. DOLLARS 15 - 20 WITH BREAKFAST APPROX. U.S. 5. PER DIEM FOR DJIBOUTI IS U.S. DOLLARS 90, WHICH IS FAIR REPRESENTATION LOCAL COSTS.

-- WHILE DJIBOUTI IS NOW STRIVING TO BECOME AN ARAB STATE, THE CITY REMAINS BASICALLY A FRENCH COLONIAL-TYPE CITY. THERE ARE NO SOUKS, NO GREAT SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE. WOMEN ARE NOT VEILED. THE ONLY AREA APPROXIMATING SUCH FACILITIES IS THE PLACE MENELIK WITH WIDE VARIETY OF SIDEWALK VENDORS SELLING SAME SHODDY GOODS. SOME INTERESTING ETHIOPIAN HANDICRAFTS HOWEVER, ARE AVAILABLE.

(BUT AT NO BARGAIN). DJIBOUTI IS DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT THE IDEAL LIBERTY PORT. HOWEVER, THE 4000 PLUS FRENCH SOLDIERS AND SAILORS BASED HERE DO MANAGE TO FIND SOME ATTRACTIONS, MOST OF WHICH CAN BE WITNESSED WHILE SITTING AROUND THE PLACE MENELIK DRINKING BEER. WE ARE PREPARING BAR/RESTAURANT LIST.

-- WOULD PREFER THAT LIBERTY PARTIES BE IN CIVILIAN UNIFORM. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO PARTICULAR LOCAL SECURITY PROBLEMS AND PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY, WE WOULD HOPE THERE IS AN ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM SO THAT INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT GO WANDERING OFF ALONE. FRENCH MILITARY REQUIRES ITS TROOPS TO RETURN TO BARRACKS BY 1 A.M. SUGGEST THAT LIBERTY PARTIES BE BACK ON BOARD SHIP BY MIDNIGHT OR 12:30 A.M. AT LATEST.

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-- TWO UNIFORMED SHORE PATROL PARTIES COMPOSED EACH OF TWO U.S. AND TWO FRENCH NAVY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AND CIRCULATING AT ALL TIMES UNTIL ALL CREW ACCOUNTED FOR ON BOARD.

-- DJIBOUTI OPERATES ON AAB COUNTRY SCHEDULE WITH MANY STORES CLOSED ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AND ALL STORES CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. SOME RESTAURANTS MAY BE OPEN. ALL BARS ARE CLOSED UNTIL 6 P.M. EVERY DAY.

-- FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR

LIBERTY PARTIES: FRENCH NAVY PROVIDING BOAT TO TAKE UP TO 100 MEN EACH DAY TO ISLANDS IN GULF OF TADJOURAH. FINE BEACHES, EXCELLENT SKIN DIVING, BUT NO FACILITIES. LUNCHEES, BEVERAGES (ESPECIALLY ICE) MUST BE PROVIDED LIBERTY PARTIES TO ISLANDS. TRUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SHUTTLE CREWS TO AND FROM PORT AND PLACE MENELIK. SPORTS FIELD AVAILABLE. FRENCH NAVY INTERESTED IN COMPETITION SPORTS: BASKETBALL, HANDBALL, SOCCER. LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO DO. BECAUSE FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE REALLY DEAD DAY, WE NEGOTIATING WITH FRENCH ARMY FOR ENOUGH BUSES TO TAKE EVERYONE IN LIBERTY PARTY TO DORALE BEACH, FIVE MILES FROM TOWN. IF YOU CAN BUDGET THE FUNDS, WE CAN ROUND UP MEN AND ROAST SHEEP TO PROVIDE TYPICAL MEAL "MISHWE" FOR MEN AT BEACH. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR IDEA OF COST BUT 250 MEN WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE 20 ROAST SHEEP, WHICH MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE BECAUSE END OF RAMADAN(15 SEPTEMBER)

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USUALLY FINDS ALL ADULT SHEEP CONSUMED. LET US KNOW IN TIME, AND WE WILL TRY TO ROUND THEM UP AND HOLD THEM. THERE IS A BEVERAGE STAND AT DRALE. WE WILL ASK THEM TO PUT A FEW EXTRA BEERS ON ICE AND TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TAKE CARE OF THE MISHWE.

-- FRENCH PETTY OFFICER WILL BE AT GATE TO PORT DURING ALL LIBERTY HOURS TO FACILITATE ENTRIES AND EXITS TO PORT.

-- INVITATION CARDS FOR FLIGHT DECK COCKTAIL. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE WILL ORDER THEM LOCALLY(COST APPROXIMATELY U.S. DOLLARS 35.00). PLEASE INFORM SOONEST PREFERRED COORDING.

-- IF SHIP HAS ROCK BAND OR OTHER POPULAR MUSIC GROUP, FRENCH NAVY WOULD LIKE ARRANGE EVENING EVENT..

(7) GARBAGE PICKUP NO PROBLEM.

(8) GUN SALUTES NOT RPT NOT APPROPRIATE.

(9) NAME PLAQUES AS FOLLOWS: (USE BLOCK LETTERS TO AVOID PROBLEMS FRNCH ACCENTS):

- CONTRE-AMIRAL DARRIEUX

COMMANDANT DES FORCES MARITIMES
FRANCAISES EN OCEAN INDIEN

- GENERAL PERIER

COMMANDANT DES FORCES FRANCAISES
STATIONNEES A DJIBOUTI

- CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU LARGE

COMMANDANT LA MARINE
EN MER ROUGE ET GOLFE D'ADEN

- COLONEL ALI MEHIDAL WAIS

CHEF D'ETAT-MAJOR GENERAL
FORCES ARMEES DE DJIBOUTI

- CHEF D'ESCADRON MOHAMED AHMED KASSIM

COMMANDANT LA GENDARMERIE NATIONALE
REPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI

- CHEF DE BATAILLON FAHMI AHMED

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COMMANDANT LE 1ER REGIMENT D'INFANTERIE

REPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI

- CHEF DE BATAILLON OMAR BAREH DARAR

COMMANDANT LE GROUPEMENT NOMADE

REPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI

(10) PORT BILLS MUST BE AVAILABLE PRIOR 1300 LOCAL 22 SEPTEMBER
IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE PAID.

(11) TIME ZONE (CHARLIE) GMT. PLUS 3. CLARKE

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